

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A support structure for supporting an object, comprising:
an elongated member extending along a longitudinal axis and having first and second sides, first and second edges, and a thickness;

a first set of ribs projecting from the first side of the elongated member and corresponding to a first set of depressions in the second side of the elongated member, the first set of ribs including first and second ribs axially spaced from each other and from corresponding edges of the elongated member along [an] a first axis transverse to the longitudinal axis;

a second set of ribs projecting from the first side of the elongated member at a location axially spaced from the first set of ribs so as to define a first object receiving cradle therebetween, the second set of ribs including first and second ribs axially spaced from each other along a second axis transverse to the longitudinal axis of the elongated member;

a first rib projecting from the second side of the elongated member and corresponding to a first depression in the first side of the elongated member between the first and second ribs of the first set of ribs; and

a second rib projecting from the second side of the elongated member at a location axially spaced from the first rib projecting from the second side of the elongated member so as to define a second side object receiving cradle therebetween, the second rib projecting from the second side of the elongated member corresponding to a second depression in the first side of the elongated member between the first and second ribs of the second set of ribs;

wherein:

the first object receiving cradle opens in a first direction and the second side object receiving cradle opens in a second direction opposite to the first direction;

the first object receiving cradle includes an apex;

the second object receiving cradle includes apex; and

the apex of the first object receiving cradle and the apex of the second side object receiving cradle are separated by a distance generally equal to the thickness of the elongated member.

[the first object receiving cradle and the second side object receiving cradle overlap and are separated by a distance generally equal to the thickness of the elongated member.]

2. (Original) The support structure of claim 1 wherein the first and second ribs of the second set of ribs are axially spaced from corresponding edges of the elongated member along the second axis.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

4. (Previously presented) The support structure of claim 1 wherein the first and second ribs of the first set of ribs and the first and second ribs of the second set of ribs have a predetermined height and wherein the first and second ribs projecting from the second side of the elongated member have a predetermined height.

5. (Original) The support structure of claim 4 wherein the predetermined height of the first and second ribs of the first set of ribs and of the first and second ribs of the second set of ribs is generally equal to the predetermined height of the first and second ribs projecting from the second side of the elongated member.

6. (Original) The support structure of claim 1 further comprising a third set of ribs projecting from the first side of the elongated member at a location axially spaced from the second set of ribs so as to define a second object receiving cradle therebetween, the third set of ribs including first and second ribs axially spaced from each other along a third axis transverse to the longitudinal axis of the elongated member.

Claims 7-8 (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A support structure for supporting an object, comprising:
an elongated member extending along a longitudinal axis and having first and second sides, first and second edges, first and second ends, and a thickness, the first side of the elongated member including:

a first plurality of ribs projecting therefrom and being spaced between the first and second ends along a first axis, each of the first plurality of ribs being laterally spaced from the first edge;

a second plurality of ribs projecting therefrom and being spaced between the first and second ends along a second axis, each of the second plurality of ribs being laterally spaced from the second edge; and

a plurality of depressions formed therein and being spaced between the first and second ends along a third axis disposed between the first and second axis, each of the plurality of depressions being between one of the first plurality of ribs and one of the second plurality of ribs and forming a corresponding rib projecting from the second side of the elongated member, the ribs projecting from the second side of the

elongated member being spaced between the first and second ends along the third axis;

wherein:

the ribs projecting from the second side of the elongated member includes a first rib and a second rib, the first rib and the second rib defining a second side object receiving cradle therebetween;

the first plurality of ribs projecting from the first side of the elongated member includes a first rib and a second rib, the first rib and the second rib partially defining a first object receiving cradle therebetween;

the first object receiving cradle opens in a first direction and the second side object receiving cradle opens in a second direction opposite to the first direction[.];

the first object receiving cradle includes an apex;

the second object receiving cradle includes an apex; and

the apex of the first object receiving cradle on the first side of the elongated member and the apex of the second side object receiving cradle are separated by a distance generally equal to the thickness of the elongated member.

[the first object receiving cradle and the second side object receiving cradle overlap and are separated by the thickness of the elongated member.]

10. (Original) The support structure of claim 9 wherein each of the first plurality of ribs is aligned with a corresponding rib of the second plurality of ribs along a corresponding axis transverse to the longitudinal axis of the elongated member.

Claims 11-14 (Cancelled).

15. (Previously presented) The support structure of claim 9 wherein the second plurality of ribs projecting from the first side of the elongated member includes a first rib and a second rib, the first rib and the second rib of the second plurality of ribs partially defining the first object receiving cradle therebetween.

Claims 16-19 (Cancelled).